

IN THE CLAIMS

The following listing reflects the current version of all claims, and replaces all earlier versions and listings.

1. - 31. (Canceled)

32. (New) A communication apparatus, comprising:

a recognizing device for recognizing an attribute of positional information that is added to image data stored in a communicating party;

a searching device for searching the image data stored in the communicating party based on the recognition made by the recognizing device;

a selecting device for selecting a desired one of a plurality of attributes recognized by the recognizing device; and

a judging device for judging whether or not the positional information of the attribute selected by the selecting device is utilizable in the communication apparatus.

33. (New) A communication apparatus according to claim 32, wherein the judging device makes the judgement based on positional information that is added to the image data stored in the communicating party.

34. (New) A communication apparatus according to claim 32, further comprising a display device for displaying the attribute of the positional information recognized by the recognizing device.

35. (New) A communication apparatus according to claim 32, further comprising an inquiry device for making an inquiry to the communicating party as to what attribute of a search condition is added to the image data stored in the communicating party, wherein the recognizing device makes the recognition based on a result of the inquiry made by the inquiry device.

36. A communication apparatus according to claim 35, wherein the inquiry device makes the inquiry each time the communication apparatus connects with the communicating party in order to search the image data stored in the communicating party.

37. A communication apparatus according to claim 35, further comprising a setting device for setting a mode in which the inquiry device does not make the inquiry even when the communication apparatus connects with the communicating party in order to search the image data stored in the communicating party.

38. A communication apparatus according to claim 35, further comprising a setting device for setting a mode in which the inquiry device makes the

inquiry when the communication apparatus connects with the communicating party, independently of the search of the image data stored in the communicating party.

39. A communication apparatus according to claim 32, wherein the searching device comprises a converting device for converting the positional information to a given search condition in accordance with the attribute of the positional information recognized by the recognizing device, and an informing device for informing the communicating party of the search condition converted by the converting device.

40. (New) A communication apparatus according to claim 39, wherein the converting device converts the positional information to the given search condition in accordance with the attribute of the positional information selected by the selecting device.

41. (New) An image storage apparatus, comprising:

- an informing device for informing a communicating party of an attribute of positional information related to stored image data;
- a searching device for searching the image data in accordance with a request from the communicating party; and
- a judging device for judging, based on information received from the communicating party, whether or not the positional information of an attribute that the communicating party is capable of sending as a search condition is of a given format.

42. (New) image storage apparatus according to claim 41, wherein the informing device informs the communicating party of the attribute in accordance with a request from the communicating party.

43. (New) A communication apparatus controlling method, comprising:
a recognizing step of recognizing an attribute of positional information that is added to image data stored in a communicating party;
a searching step of searching the image data stored in the communicating party based on the recognition made in the recognizing step;
a selecting step of selecting a desired one of a plurality of attributes recognized in the recognizing step; and
a judging step of judging whether or not the positional information of the attribute selected in the selecting step is utilizable in the communication apparatus.

44. An image storage apparatus controlling method, comprising:
an informing step of informing a communicating party at another end of an attribute of positional information related to stored image data;
a searching step of searching the image data in accordance with a request from the communicating party; and
a judging step of judging, based on information received from the communicating party, whether or not the positional information of an attribute that the communicating party is capable of sending as a search condition is of a given format.

45. A program for controlling a communication apparatus, comprising:
a recognizing step of recognizing an attribute of positional information that is added to image data stored in a communicating party;
a searching step of searching the image data stored in the communicating party based on the recognition made in the recognizing step;
a selecting step of selecting a desired one of a plurality of attributes recognized in the recognizing step; and
a judging step of judging whether or not the positional information of the attribute selected in the selecting step is utilizable in the communication device.

46. A program for controlling an image storage apparatus, comprising:
an informing step of informing a communicating party of an attribute of positional information related to stored image data;
a searching step of searching the image data in accordance with a request from the communicating party; and
a judging step of judging, based on information received from the communicating party, whether or not the positional information of an attribute that the communicating party is capable of sending as a search condition is of a given format.